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SHORTENED TIMETABLE; HAYA CONTINUES TO HINT AT ELECTORAL FRAUD

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1. PPC LEADER BEDOYA REYES IN APRIL 22 SPEECH IN EQUITOS
CALLED ON THE ARMED FORCES "URGENTLY" TO CONSTITUTE A MIXED
CIVILIAN/MILITARY CABINET TO DEAL WITH THE CURRENT ECONOMIC
CRISIS. BEDOYA ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT
SHORTEN THE ELECTORAL TIMETABLE BY REDUCING THE CONSTITUENT
ASSEMBLY PERIOD TO SIX MONTHS, CONVOKING GENERAL ELECTIONS
IN MARCH 1979, AND TURNING OVER THE GOVERNMENT TO CIVILIAN
RULE IN JULY 1979, A YEAR AHEAD OF THE ESTABLISHED SCHEDULE.

2. MEANWHILE, APRA LEADER HAY DE LA TORRE IN A
SPEECH IN LIMA APRIL 23 CONTINUED TO HINT AT POSSIBLE FRAUD
IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS PERPETRATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND
THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION. HAYA CONTENTED THAT A POLITICAL
PLOT EXISTS TO REDUCE HIS PARTY'S SHOWING IN THE JUNE 4

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ELECTIONS THROUGH CHALLENGES TO APRA'S VOTE AT THE ELECTORAL
TABLES. NONETHELESS, HAYA ASSERTED THAT APRA WILL CONTINUE
IN THE RACE AND WILL WIN.

3. COMMENT: BEDOYA'S CALL FOR A CIVILIAN-MILITARY CABINET
AND A SHORTER POLITICAL TIMETABLE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE
GROWING SENTIMENT (REFTEL) THAT 1980 IS TOO LONG TO WAIT

FOR A CHANGE IN THE ARMED FORCES GOVERNMENT. HAYA'S
INSISTENCE ON POSSIBLE ELECTORAL FRAUD PUZZLES HIS OWN
PARTY LEADERS WHO SAY THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION THAT THE
GOP IS PLANNING TO TAMPER WITH THE ELECTORAL RESULTS. IT
IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT HAYA, IN MAKING THIS ACCUSATION,
IS LAYING THE GROUNDWORK TO JUSTIFY APRA'S LAST MINUTE
WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RACE IF CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE (UNLIKELY
AT THIS POINT) OR PROVIDE AN ALIBI IN CASE APRA'S (OR
HAYA'S) SHOWING IS NOT AS STRONG AS HOPED.

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